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ADOPT NEW ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN CO-OPS;
PRODUCE NEW PLOWS

CRITICIZES SETTING UP OF ACCOUNTS -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 10 Feb 52

The introduction of economic accounting into more than 100 cooperatives in Croatia requires a good knowledge of its political and organizational aspects. It requires a knowledge of the political aspects of the work because former methods of accounting are to be abandoned, and of organizational aspects, in the event that new production is to be begun. This is often forgotten when individual cooperatives have only a superficial knowledge of the political aspects, or an inadequate knowledge of the new accounting system, believing it to be more complex than it is. There have been cases where cooperatives have set up accounts based on arbitrarily chosen groupings by type of crop, but more errors have been committed in setting up accounts based on individual plots.

The "Tadija Anusic" Farm Work Cooperative in Glavica near Sinj, where 256 hectares of productive land have been divided into 600 plots, illustrates this point. Accounts have been based on each individual plot and on each crop grown on each plot, instead of being based on the entire cooperative and its total average production, deducting production expenses such as plowing, fertilizer, and seed to arrive at the reserve fund available for expanding production and the wage fund for distribution to the members of the cooperative.

Another example of poor organization is the cooperative in Draganici near Karlovac, where 7 hectares of vineyards have been divided into 50 plots. Accounts have been set up for each plot, calculating what is necessary for agricultural technology, and the number of workdays manual labor and harnessed power are to be used. Such accounting is superfluous, because each cooperative where economic accounting has been introduced already has a preliminary accounting of agricultural production, from which the production value of a particular crop can be computed by allowing for certain correction. Workdays necessary and agricultural-technical measures have also been included in this preliminary accounting.

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By setting up accounts based on individual crops to be grown, detailed accounting and the setting up of norms, required when accounts are based on a single plot, are eliminated. The basis for the amount to be grown on each plot is left to the law of supply and demand, distinctions being made as to whether the soil of the plot is good or poor. Individual jobs to be done on plots will be done as agreed upon by groups organized in the cooperative, and compensation paid in proportion to the work done.

The principle that members of cooperative organize voluntarily into groups is proper because such groups will be able to complete work assigned using as little manpower as possible, or even using manpower from their own households. But the idea that all manpower in the cooperative should be compulsorily organized into groups, without reference to economic accounting, is completely wrong and in opposition to the new economic accounting system.

PRODUCE NEW PLOWS -- Split, Slobodna Dalmacija, 31 Dec 51

The Central Agricultural Equipment Workshop for Dalmatia and Split recently completed its first plows for deep plowing. These plows weigh 1,300 kilograms and are constructed from domestic materials.

The plows were so successful in various areas of Dalmatia that the foundations for mechanization of agriculture in Sinj, Knin, and Sibenik have been interested in them.

During the last 4 months, the Central Agricultural Equipment Workshop procured machinery and raw materials, established a new workshop, and is now producing new products. The workshop also assembles plows of all types for deep plowing, repairs machines, and performs various mechanical services.

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